

# Students vote Cheryl White Professor of Year

## History instructor wins again for second time in four years

by Jeremiah Raab

After three weeks, the professor of the year was finally announced last Friday. From a huge list that was eventually narrowed down to 21 nominees, the title went to Dr. Cheryl White, instructor of history and social sciences. This is the second time White has won the prestigious award.

"It's really nice to be validated," said White. "It's very gratifying to be recognized for something that you love to do."

The fact that White has achieved this honor twice shows the amount of respect her students have for her as a teacher and a human being.

"She's just really sweet," said Christina Copeland, senior bio-chemistry major, who has taken White in the past. "She goes really in depth in her history (classes), and she tells you stuff you don't find in books."

White received her bachelor's degree from LSUS "a really long time ago," she said. White credited a former LSUS professor emeritus of history as one of the main

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Kenna Franklin  
LSUS instructor

persons in her career who sparked her love of history and influenced the way that she would teach it in the future.

"I had my very first college-level history class with Dr. Milton Finley," said White. "He had a huge impact on not just my love of history but on my teaching style too." She also admitted that her love of history goes back to her early childhood. White claimed that the only time she ever got detention was for having a history book tucked inside of her math book.

"History is something that I'm very passionate about, I like to talk about it. I think if you give me something that I like to talk about, I can convey that to other people in a way that's exciting and enthusiastic," said White.

According to White's colleagues, if anyone deserved the title of professor of the year, it was she.

"Dr. White is an exceptional classroom instructor," said Dr. Michael Leggiere, chairman of the department of history and social sciences. "She goes out of her way to convey a lesson that

is both scholarly and entertaining, and she has the unique ability to hold students' attention, yet teach complex material. She is a valued member of the department, and I wish I had more like her."

Kenna Franklin, instructor of sociology, said, "It's a most deserving honor for a professor that genuinely cares about her students."

White had nothing but good things to say about her department as well.

"We have a really great department. I have very supportive leadership that en-

courages us to do well and to engage students," said White.

Most of all, White said, she just hoped that her love of history would extend to all of her students by the end of each semester.

"My biggest hope is that they leave with at least an appreciation for where we've been as a people. I tell them on the first day of class that we don't live in the past, but occasionally we need to know where we have been," said White. "I want students to leave with an appreciation of history."



JEREMIAH RAAB

Professor of the Year nominees gather on Fri., April 20, to find out the recipient of this year's award. History instructor Cheryl White won, and it was her second time winning in four years.

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## Corrections

In Volume 50, Issue 10, the article on campus beautification failed to mention that the garden circle by the sciences building is a joint effort between the Biology Club and Alpha Epsilon Delta. AED contributes manpower and capital to maintain the circle.

## EDITORIAL

### Semesters same length; circumstances change speed

by Chrissy Chiri

So this is the second-to-last issue of the Almagest for the semester. To me, it's flown by, but to you it may have dragged on. I find it interesting that our circumstances dictate how much we appreciate or hate a semester.

One semester I could take 15 hours of classes and barely eek by with a 2.5 GPA. But the next semester I could take the same number of hours and make a 4.0.

What we deal with in our personal lives as students can really have an effect on how we perform in the classroom. Sometimes we are so happy and motivated by a fun job or new relationship that we feel like we are floating and class is just an added bonus. We're swimming in a sea of education and couldn't be happier about life in general.

Then there are times when everything seems to start a new argument with our family or roommate, and we drag our weary bodies to the classroom hoping our professor has been called to Iraq so we can go back to bed.

Something I have found this semester, which I didn't think would be the case, is that final semesters fly by as well.

This is my last semester at LSUS because I am graduating in May, and I am quite surprised as to how quickly mid-terms came and now the final weeks of school have ap-

proached. I notice that this would be my last Spring Fling to enjoy and last Movie on the Mall to attend.

If you read the Almagest, you also know I write all the sports stories. So, as each sport has come to a close this year, I have felt a part of me close as well. There won't be any more miracles on the court to watch at the Dock (like Josh Porter walking after breaking his neck) or walk-off bombs by Chris Frye in the bottom of the ninth to view. The seasons are over, and so is my time at LSUS.

Some of you might be finishing up your first year at LSUS and thinking, "This was the longest year of my life!" This university is tough because a lot is expected, but it's worth the effort because this is a great place to get a degree.

Just remember that when we are in college, we feel like we are in a bubble of time and nothing we do in that amount of time can affect us long-term. However, that is not the case. So study and work hard in every class no matter how long the semester seems to be dragging on.

It's important to do so because one day, it'll be your last semester here, and you'll be voyaging on to your next stage of life. It is then that you will realize how fast life can pass you by and how much you wish you would have slowed down to notice.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Spring Fling keeps things poppin' through this week

by Devin White

This year's James Bond-themed Spring Fling takes place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and continues tomorrow during the same time.

Today, students can make their own flip-flops, play LaserTron, take pictures with Mr. Donkey or even test their skills on the always-popular rock wall.

Students will be able to enjoy food, like sausage-on-a-stick, and wash it down with icy non-alcoholic daiquiris.

The festivities continue tonight at dark with SAB's Movie Night showing "Casino Royale" to accompany

the "007" theme. One more movie night remains.

"We encourage everyone to come out to Movie Night and bring blankets and chairs," said Kimberly Thornton, assistant director for Student Leadership and Involvement.

Tomorrow, students can decorate their bodies with Body Art by Susan or play with balloons by Lester while listening to Five Finger Discount, a band out of the north shore of New Orleans, perform hits from the '80s.

Two thousand pounds of crawfish will be boiled and ready for eating tomorrow at 11 a.m. Food is free to all

students with a valid LSUS ID but will cost staff and faculty \$2 and the general public \$5.

"Our annual crawfish boil is always a big success," said Amanda French, vice president of the Student Activities Board.

"Everyone always looks forward to free crawfish," said French.

Along with items for sale by several LSUS student organizations, students can purchase their Spring Fling T-shirts for \$5 each.

"It's a great opportunity for students to enjoy the weather, eat some crawfish and have fun at LSUS," said Thornton.

## Campus Briefs

### Birds' deaths still remain mystery on campus

The cause of death for the American robins that were found lifeless all over campus earlier in the spring semester remains unsolved.

After LSUS Police collected the dead birds, they were picked up by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry on Feb. 6 and taken to Baton Rouge for testing.

Even though they tested negative for bird flu, there has been no word on whether West Nile virus was a possible reason for the birds' demise.

"It was my impression that they were not going to be tested for anything else but the bird flu," said Dr. James Ingold, professor of biology.

With few answers from faculty, it seems that no one knows what happened to the birds. Some students are not even curious about the cause of their deaths.

"I haven't seen any more dead birds, so I'm really not that worried about it," said Clifford McCarthy, sophomore general studies major.

By Devin White

### Job fair reaching out to local students

Certified teachers who are looking for jobs in Caddo Parish may not have to look much longer. The Caddo Parish School Board will be holding its spring 2007 Teacher Job Fair and Showcase of Schools at the Shreveport Convention Center on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Anyone who has a Louisiana teaching certificate, an out-of-state teaching certificate or plans on completing a teacher education program prior to Sept. 1, 2007, will be considered for open positions.

Potential candidates will have the opportunity to mingle with various principals of Caddo Parish Schools and central office administrators regarding open jobs and programs within the school system.

By Jeremiah Raab

## A 'Grand' Ceremony



MIKE ROSEBERY, ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

LSUS grad student and Almagest Editor-in-Chief Mike Schwalke receives a check for \$1,000 from Dr. Laura McLemore, archivist. Schwalke won the LSUS Noel Memorial Library Archives and Special Collections William B. Weiner Jr. award for his essay on the Caddo Indians. The award is given every spring semester to a student who utilizes the archives in writing a history paper.

## SGA UPDATE

Results from April 10 meeting:

- New executive members Joseph Hayes, president, Nicole Goad, vice president, and Mayte Pino, executive secretary, were sworn in.

Results from April 19 meeting:

- 2007-2008 budget proposal of \$20,500 approved.
- SWAN Act approved. It says that the SGA supports getting wireless Internet in the UC and the Noel Memorial Library.
- Sarah Smith and Keith Milstead were appointed to the Admissions and Standards Committee and approved by the senate.



## Student referee makes it to big leagues

by Brittany Harness

Senior Community Health major, Danny Rogers, will be traveling to UNC in Chapel Hill this weekend in what referees would consider "the big game."

The American Collegiate Intramural Sports (ACIS) National Basketball Tournament will host over 200 U.S. collegiate campus teams, and Rogers will be there officiating the games. According to their official Web site, the ACIS is a "series of campus, regional and national championship tournaments created to provide college student athletes with the opportunity to compete in high quality, nationally promoted intramural and extramural events." What this means for those like Rogers is massive exposure in the world of sports.

Rogers began refereeing at local high school and college basketball games as a high school student, as what he called "just a regular part-time job." From there, his experience led him to become more involved.

Rogers also officiated the regional basketball tournament at TCU, which is where his road to the big time began. "Schools that participated in the tournament were able to send officials from their schools in the Texas-Louisiana-Arkansas area, and I ended up being one of roughly 30 officials chosen overall," Rogers said.

From there, as the tournament progressed, the officials went through an

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# Tech Fee committee wants student input

by Christine Bradley

The Student Technology Fee committee at LSUS has the large responsibility of determining how students' money should be spent. The 13-member committee includes two SGA representatives, a student from each college and a graduate student. Four faculty members and two administrators also sit on the committee.

Donna Austin, dean of continuing education and public service, has been on the committee since it began in 2000. She also takes attendance and notes at every committee meeting.

"We (the faculty and administration) are the minority; the students are the majority," said Austin.

Students who are chosen to serve on the committee have a duty to be present for every meeting and voice the needs of fellow students. Students are chosen for the board only after approval from both the deans of their colleges and the chancellor. This process is taken seriously since the students chosen will be the only students speaking for their colleges.

"Baton Rouge has a committee, and the faculty and administration decide it all," said Austin.

"We are one of the few schools that even let students be on the committee."

Donna Austin  
Dean of  
Continuing Education

Other schools in Louisiana, including Louisiana Tech, LSU-Eunice and Northwestern State University, provide for majority student membership on their technology fee committees. Louisiana Tech requires 50 percent of student attendance for a quorum.

At LSUS, student representatives are responsible not only for voicing student needs, but they are also expected to attend every meeting.

Shelby Keith, chair of the committee and director of computing services, said the committee recently had an incident of student absences.

"We did have an issue last year with some of the student representatives not showing up because of their schedules," said Keith. However, he added that this was not the case in prior years, nor is it the case this year.

Austin said the students missing are usually SGA

representatives.

Students who miss a meeting are replaced with another reliable representative.

Students pay \$5 per credit hour each semester. The fee is capped at \$75 for 15 or more hours.

The tech fee committee controls approximately \$450,000 during a funding cycle, according to Keith's "history and purpose" orientation for new committee members.

Proposals are submitted by both faculty and students. The committee reviews the proposals and votes by ranking each one according to importance and impact.

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evaluation process.

At the conclusion of the tournament, a total of four refereeing officials were selected to attend the ACIS National Basketball Tournament, beating out their competition and winning a bid to participate in the biggest game of the year, to take place this weekend.



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Danny Rogers takes a break during one of the games he was refereeing.

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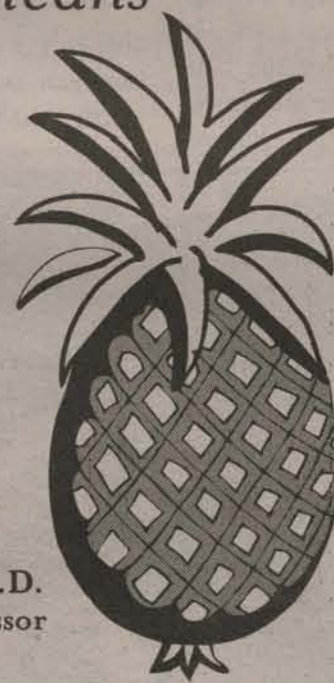


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# SPORTS

## Pressure on for Pilots

### LSUS squad needs sweep this weekend

by Chrissy Chiri

The LSUS Pilots baseball team is awaiting this weekend's results to see where they will place in the final conference standings.

The Pilots played Belhaven College last weekend in Jackson, Miss., and had their offense stifled by the Badger pitching staff. The Pilots were able to manage one win against the conference-leading team, leaving them two games back from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference lead.

The Blazers' (38-13, 21-6) beating the Pilots two out of three cut Belhaven's magic number for clinching their second straight GCAC championship to one. A Blazers' victory against Spring Hill College this upcoming weekend, or an LSUS loss against the University of Mobile this weekend, will seal the champi-

onship title for Belhaven.

The winner of conference not only receives an automatic berth to the regional tournament, but they also receive home field advantage in regionals. The Pilots (34-12, 19-8) are currently ranked No. 25 in the NAIA national polls, and Belhaven is placed in the No. 9 spot.

LSUS won the game on Friday against Belhaven after pitcher Matt Clayman added to his perfect 8-0 record by pitching a stellar game. He got the 7-2 win against the Blazers.

With usual conference starters Kevin Jewell and Juan Leon benched because of injuries, pitchers Mark Dainty and Daniel Welch took the mound for the Pilots in Saturday's double header.

The Pilots' offense was able to get only six hits and one run off the Belhaven pitchers in both games com-

bined, which resulted in losses for both Dainty and Welch.

Junior Dainty is 3-4 after the 3-0 loss, and senior Welch is 6-1 after the 5-1 loss.

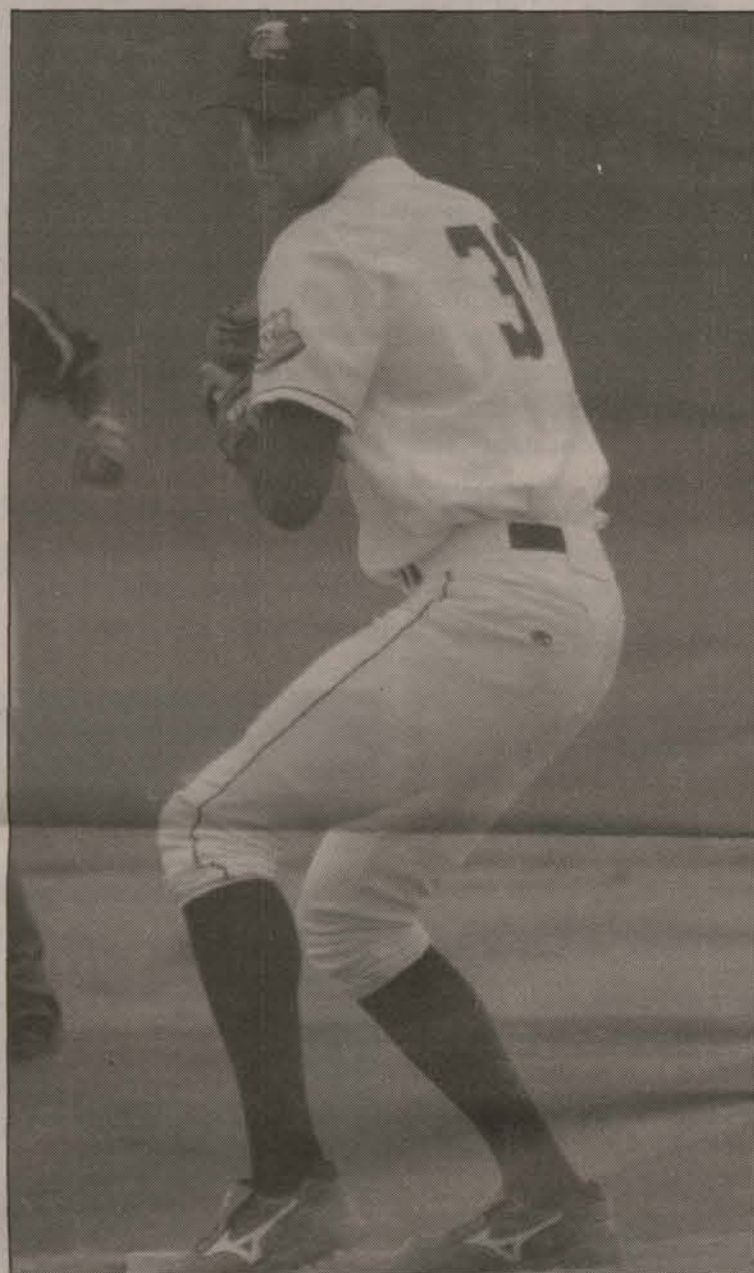
Dainty pitched 5 2/3 innings, allowing five hits and three earned runs and striking out three.

Welch went seven innings, giving up four earned runs and striking out 10.

Senior pitcher Jewell is suffering from an elbow injury but pitched 1/3 of an inning on Saturday. Junior Leon has tendonitis in his shoulder which is preventing him from pitching.

The Pilots need to sweep this weekend to at least have a chance of tying for first place.

They will take on the University of Mobile Rams tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at Pilot Field.



CHRISSE CHIRI

Senior pitcher Matt Clayman is 8-0 on the season after picking up another win against Belhaven College last Friday. Clayman will pitch against the Rams tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.



RODRIGO MONDRAGON

Senior outfielder David McGhee runs to first base while freshman second baseman Andrew Blubaugh decides whether to try to score at home. The Pilots face the University of Mobile Rams tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at LSUS.

### GCAC 2007 Baseball Standings

| Team          | Record | Streak     |
|---------------|--------|------------|
| Belhaven      | 21-6   | Won two    |
| LSUS          | 19-8   | Lost two   |
| Mobile        | 14-13  | Lost one   |
| William Carey | 14-13  | Won five   |
| Loyola        | 8-19   | Won one    |
| Spring Hill   | 6-22-1 | Lost three |



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Actors in 'Fracture' give leg-breaking performance

by Chris Gray

"Fracture" is a well written and well acted film about a young prosecutor who is trying to put away an incredibly intelligent man who shot his wife. The only drawback for the prosecutor is that not only does he have a 97 percent conviction rate, but when he takes on the case, he is in the process of going into the corporate sector of law and it seems as if he has bitten off more than he can chew.

Ryan Gosling ("Half Nelson," "Stay") and Anthony Hopkins ("Silence of the Lambs," "Amistad") show why they have gotten that infamous Oscar nod from the

Academy.

Gosling plays Willy Beachum, the hot shot prosecutor, with passion. He delivers his lines forcefully and with emotion when he is in the court room. He does the same when he is speaking to the defendant in private, and he is also able to turn comedic situations and dialog into a scene full of tension and energy.

This is another film that gives Gosling time to shine and shows why he was nominated for best actor.

Hopkins portrays Ted Crawford, the sociopath husband/murderer. Some will say that his role in this film was more menacing or sinister

than that of Hannibal Lecter. I would not agree with that at all. His character in this film was an intelligent person, but he played the man as if he were so smart and ingenious that he was somewhat mentally handicapped. Hopkins was able to deliver his lines with emotion in one scene and in the next have none at all.

He could use facial expressions to convey more in a scene than the best-written dialog could. For this reason he could bring an uneasy feel to a scene because you did not really know what he was about to do next. Hopkins is truly a master at his profession.

Rosamund Pike ("Doom," "The Libertine") plays Niki Gardner, and though her role was not as influential in the plot of the film, she still showed that she could act. Her dialog was sometimes dry, but her body language was able to convey the message that her words did not. She showed she is a physical actor who can sometimes have good verbal acting skills. Pike will either rise in the industry or she will go the way of the dodo.

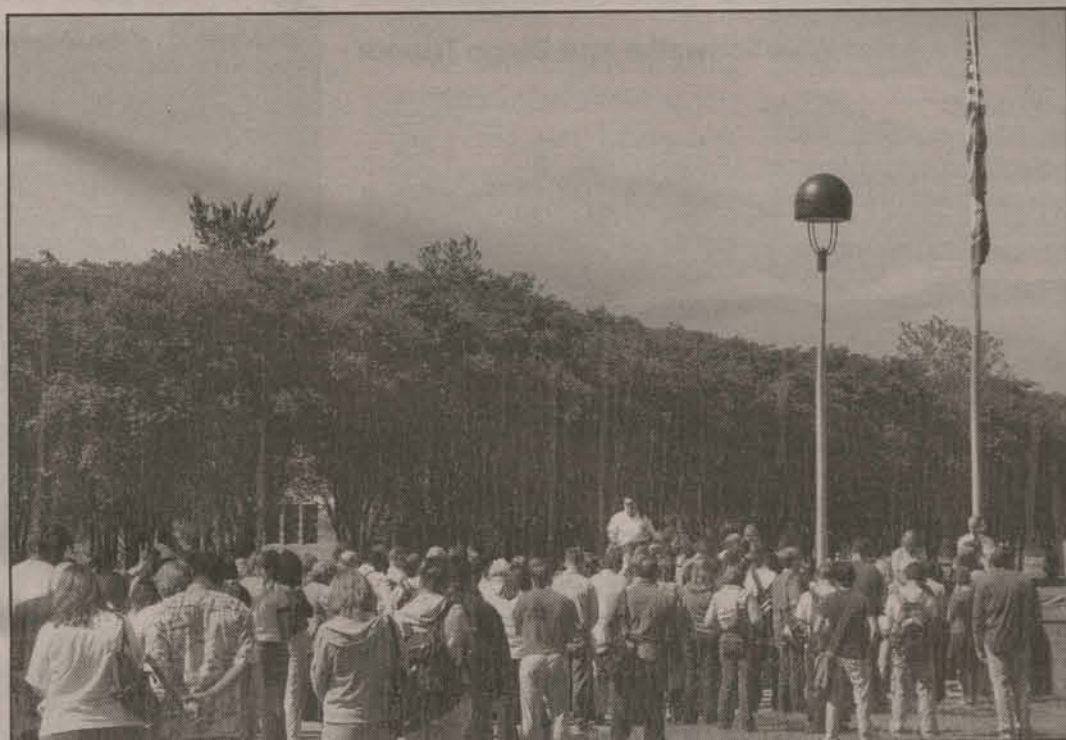
Director Gregory Hoblit was able to capture the essence of the film and that is very important in a film like "Fracture." He was able to bring the plot together for

a solid conclusion. He was able to give substantial character development to help you understand the characters' roles and have you emotionally connected to them to at least be able to recognize their plights.

He did not use a whole lot of camera angles to enhance scenes because he left it up to the actors to bring emotion or enhancement to the scenes. There were no special effects in this film because there was no need for them.

"Fracture" is a solid drama with solid actors and a solid plot. It is a must-see for anyone who likes a good drama.

### Remembering Virginia Tech



MIKE SCHWALKE

LSUS students gathered at the flag pole during Common Hour on April 19 for a moment of silence in honor of the victims from Virginia Tech. The massacre, which left 33 dead, still weighs heavily on students' minds. Student Activities, located on the second floor of the UC, is accepting cards and gifts, which will be sent to the university in Blacksburg, Va.

### UPCOMING LSUS MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

**April 26 – Casino Royale**

**May 3 – Pursuit of Happyness**

**"Tuesday Night –  
College Night"**

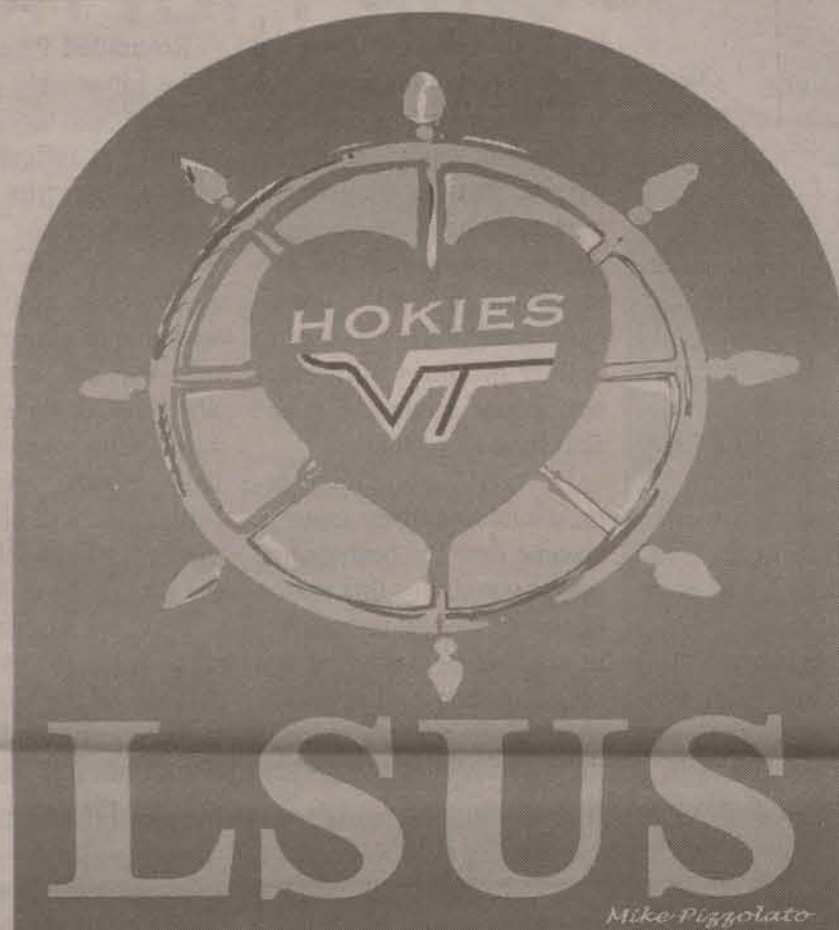
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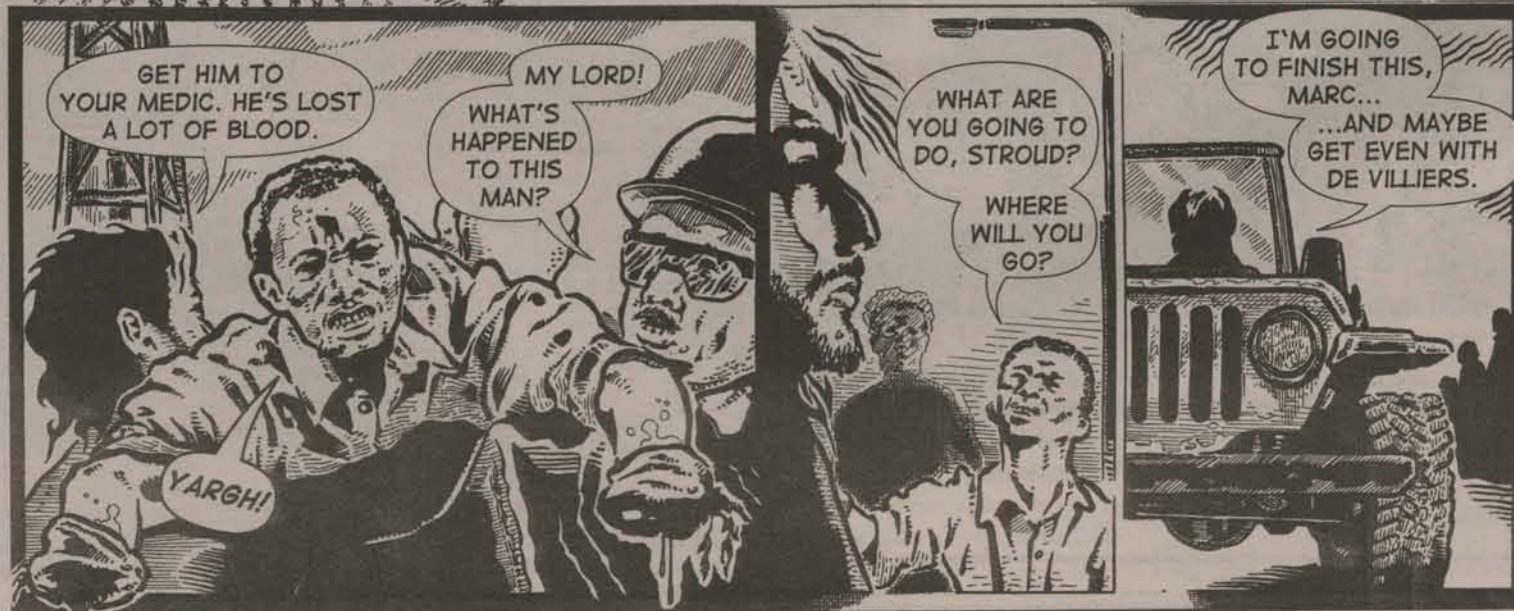
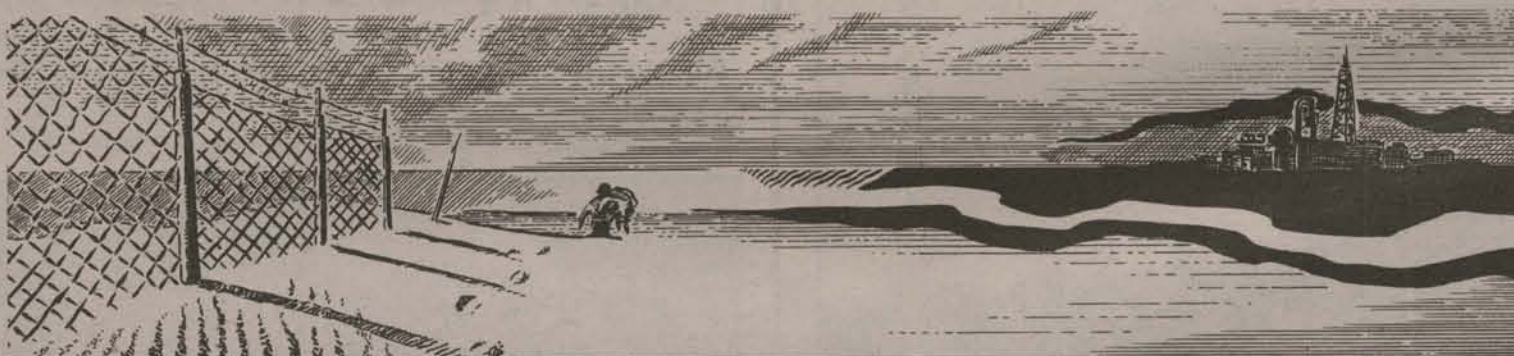
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**Bert Stroud, the Anthropologist**

**By: Mike Schwalke and Diego Tripodi**



## LSUS Sports Schedule

Friday, April 27

6:30 p.m.

University of Mobile at LSUS\*

(baseball)

Saturday, April 28

1 p.m.

University of Mobile at LSUS\*

(baseball double-header)

Wednesday, May 2

TBA

Gulf Coast Atlantic

Conference Tournament in

Mobile, Ala.

(baseball)

Wednesday, May 9

TBA

LSUS at Region XIII

Tournament

(location to be

announced after regular

conference season)

\* asterisk denotes

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